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Strongly support suggestion reported Bonn's 2940 March 23 to Department.

With situation described Munich's 194 March 22 to Department, with opinion here -- both official and public, friendly as well as unfriendly -- apprehensive of US actions which could be made look like either provocation or arrogation of authority to hold investigations (or "inquisitions") abroad, or both, and with public discussion of use of US retaliatory air power very active: It is more than probable that holding of public hearings on this side of Atlantic would provide unfriendly elements opportunity thoroughly to confuse issues, to detriment of US interests. These repercussions would not be encountered Sen-Connel if witnesses were invited to US.

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Secretary of State

4116, March 24, 11 a.m.

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